

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 16, 2000 (BOS Mtg. 9/19/00)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Daniel M. Stuck, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Speed Limit Provisions

ISSUE AND CONSIDERATIONS

On June 20, 1996 the Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a policy and procedures for the installation of signs advising of the maximum penalty for exceeding the posted speed limit on certain residential streets. Since then, the Board has adopted resolutions requesting the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to designate certain streets in many County neighborhoods for the \$200 additional fine for speeding restrictions. The Meadowlake Farms homeowners association has submitted a similar request concerning excessive speeds in their neighborhood.

VDOT's policy requires that a formal request for establishment of the \$200 maximum fine provision be submitted by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. To qualify for consideration, a street must meet the definition of "local residential" or "residential collector" prescribed in the VDOT policy and also must have a posted speed limit of 35 MPH or lower. The policy includes definitions intended to encompass only those streets that are predominantly residential in nature and it also requires that residential units face the street and have driveway connections to it. The Board's request to VDOT for establishment of the restrictions must identify the specific road segments to be covered, confirm that the segments meet the definitions, note that a speeding problem exists, and document that the increased penalty has community support. If the request is approved, VDOT will install the necessary regulatory signs.

The Meadowlake Farms homeowners association has requested that the increased-penalty-for-speeding restrictions be established for Bowman Terrace, their portion of Lakeland Crescent (the remaining portion was established in 1998 by the Woodlake Crossing homeowners association), Meadowlake Road, and Susan Newton Lane. The Sheriff's office has conducted periodic speed enforcement efforts in Meadowlake Farms over the past few years, resulting in 36 citations issued between January 1998 and July 2000. A speeding problem clearly exists there and both of the recommended streets have residential driveways on them, which is in conformance with the established VDOT policies for designation.

RECOMMENDATION

Given the support of the community and the Sheriff's office speeding citation data, I recommend that the Board endorse the Meadowlake Farms homeowners association request for the establishment of the increased penalty provisions through the adoption of Resolution No. R00-139 and forward it to VDOT with a request for approval.

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Attachments

- Letter dated July 31, 2000 from Leonard M. LaVella, Meadowlake Farms HOA Board member, to Adam Kinsman
- Map of Meadowlake Farms community

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- List of previously-approved \$200 additional fine roads
- Proposed Resolution No. R00-139